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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In re:)	CHAPTER 13 PROCEEDINGS
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)	CASE NO. # 2: 19-02542-MCW
THOMAS RODRIQUEZ-RUIZ,)	
)	TRUSTEE'S EVALUATION AND
)	RECOMMENDATION(S) REPORT WITH
)	NOTICE OF POTENTIAL DISMISSAL IF
)	CONDITIONS ARE NOT SATISFIED
)	RE: CHAPTER 13 PLAN
<hr/> (Debtor(s)))	docket #11 filed March 21, 2019

Edward J. Maney, Trustee, has analyzed the Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan and supporting documents and submits the following evaluation and recommendation(s):

General requirements:

- a. Due to the possibility of errors on the claims docket, it is the attorney's responsibility to review all proofs of claim filed with the Court and resolve any discrepancies between the claims and the Plan prior to submitting any proposed Order Confirming Plan to the Trustee. Please submit a copy of the Court's Claims Register with any submission of the Order Confirming.
- b. Requests by the Trustee for documents and information are not superseded by the filing of an amended plan or motion for moratorium.
- c. The Trustee will object to any reduction in the Plan duration or payout in a proposed Order Confirming Plan unless an amended or modified plan is filed and noticed out.
- d. The Debtors are required to provide directly to the Trustee, *within 30 days after their filing*, copies of their federal and state income tax returns for every year during the duration of the Chapter 13 Plan. This requirement is to be included in any Order Confirming.
- e. The Trustee requires that any proposed Order Confirming Plan state: "The Plan and this Order shall not constitute an informal proof of claim for any creditor."
- f. The Trustee requires that any proposed Order Confirming Plan state: "Debtor is instructed to remit all payments on or before the stated due date each month. Debtor is advised that when payments are remitted late, additional interest may accrue on secured debts, which may result in a funding shortfall at the end of the Plan term. Any funding shortfall must be cured before the Case can be discharged. This requirement is effective regardless of Plan payments suspensions, waivers or moratoriums, and must be included in any Plan Confirmation Orders."

- g. At the time of confirmation, the Trustee will require the Debtors to certify that they are current on all required tax filings and any domestic support orders.
- h. At the time of confirmation, the debtor(s) are required to certify, via language in the Order Confirming, that they are current on all payments that have come due on any Domestic Support Orders since the filing of their case and that they are current on all required tax return filings [pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1308].
- i. DEBTORS / DEBTORS' COUNSEL REMINDER - A letter is to be submitted to the Trustee, accompanying any Order Confirming, addressing all issues as they are listed in the Trustee's Recommendation. In addition, all documents (ex: tax returns, paystubs etc.) submitted to the Trustee must be redacted – in compliance with Fed.R.Bankr.P.9037 -- by debtors and/or their counsel.

Specific Recommendations:

1. The Trustee requires the debtors supply a copy of bank statement that reveals the balance on hand -- in all three (3) of his bank accounts -- on the date of the filing of his case.
2. The Internal Revenue Service's proof of claim [#2] dated March 25, 2019 indicated Debtor has not filed income tax returns for 2018. *The Trustee has received a copy of this return from the debtors. It is the debtors' responsibility to follow-up with the taxing authority to see that the claim is amended or withdrawn.*
3. The Chapter 13 Plan states that Inova Federal Credit Union (2013 Ford F150) will be paid an amount greater than that listed on the proof of claim [#3]. The debtor(s) may use the lesser claim amount in the Stipulated Order Confirming Plan.
4. The proof of claim filed by CCRD Global, LLC/FCI Lender Services (mortgage - claim #6) differs by classification and/or amount from this creditor's treatment under the Plan. To resolve this discrepancy, the Trustee requires either; a) Debtor object to the Proof of Claim; b) the creditor sign-off on an Order Confirming; c) the Order Confirming be altered to pay the creditor pursuant to the Proof of Claim including payment of the contract rate of interest; or d) Debtor file an Amended Plan to provide for the creditor's claim as shown by the Proof of Claim.
5. Considering items #2, #3 and #4 above, the Trustee's analysis reveals a \$23,907 funding shortfall including a small Chapter 7 Reconciliation amount, which must be cured before the Plan can be confirmed.

6. The Trustee notes Debtor's payroll deduction for a retirement or 401k plan loan repayment of \$90 per month. The Trustee requires documentation regarding the terms of the loan, current loan balance and completion date. If installment payments cease prior to the end of the Chapter 13 Plan, the Trustee requires Plan payments to increase accordingly.

In summary, the Plan can be confirmed subject to the condition(s) noted above, adequate funding, and timely filed Stipulated Order Confirming, and Court approval. ***The Trustee requires that any Stipulated Order Confirming contain the "wet" signatures from the debtors (where applicable), debtors counsel and objecting creditors if there are any.*** General unsecured creditors (including secured creditors with unsecured deficiency balances) will be paid through the Trustee, subject to timely filed and allowed claims. Chapter 7 reconciliation requirement must be met given debtors' scheduled \$26.25 equity in non-exempt property at petition date. **You are hereby advised that the Trustee may lodge an Order of Dismissal should Debtor fail to resolve item(s) #1, #5, #6 above and submit a Stipulated Order Confirming to the Trustee for review and signature or request a hearing within 30 days from the date of the mailing of this Trustee's Recommendation.**

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CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE

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